

III. REMARKS

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments are in condition for entry, as they do not add any new matter, but instead better clarify certain features of the claimed invention, delete matter not deemed relevant to the patentability of the claimed invention, add dependent claims of a clearly unobjectionable nature, and provide consistency between the Abstract and the claims.

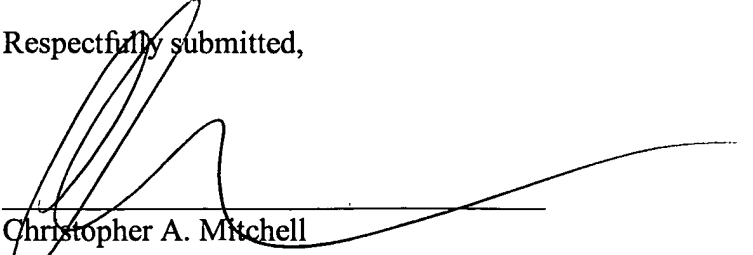
More particularly, Applicant proposes to amend claim 6 to strike therefrom the limitation that the flexible covering is removably attached to the frame, which limitation added no patentable weight to the invention as claimed, and further to better distinguish the removable covering and clarify that the second visible pattern is provided on an exterior surface thereof. Relative to claim 7, Applicant proposes to clarify that the visible pattern recited therein is disposed on the interior surface of the flexible covering, and further to substitute the word "third" for "second" so as to avoid confusion with the word "second" employed in relation to the further non self-supporting covering now recited in claim 6. Applicant additionally proposes to amend claim 7 to clarify that the third visible pattern is different from the first and second visible patterns of claim 6. Finally, Applicant proposes to add new claims 14 and 15 to recite that the visible patterns as set forth in claims 6 and 7 may comprise camouflage patterns.

Further to M.P.E.P. Section 714.16, Applicant submits that the foregoing claim amendments are necessary to adequately claim the scope of the invention, require no new search, and are, furthermore, allowable over the art of record.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant earnestly and respectfully solicits entry of the amendments proposed by this paper. Of course, the examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel at (734) 662-0270 if he should have any questions or comments concerning

this amendment.

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